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STANDARDIZED REGULATIONS (GOVERNMENT CIVILIANS, FOREIGN AREAS)

Paragraphs 121 and 122 of the Standardized Regulations give definition and scope of temporary lodging allowance as follows:

"121 Definition

"Temporary lodging allowance means a quarters allowance granted to an employee for the reasonable cost of temporary quarters incurred by the employee and his family for a period not in excess of (1) thirty months after first arrival at a new post in a foreign area or a period ending with the occupation of residence (permanent) quarters, if earlier, and (2) one month immediately preceding final departure from the post subsequent to the necessary vacating of residence quarters." (Emphasis supplied)

"122 Scope

"The maximum rates for temporary lodging allowances cover average costs of adequate but not elaborate or unnecessarily expensive accommodations in a hotel, pension, or other transient-type quarters at the post, including lodging, heat, light, fuel, water, and obligatory service charges. Costs of food or meals are excluded. Maximum rates are grouped into 15 classes for post classification purposes (Sec. 931)." (Emphasis supplied)

Paragraph 125.1, Determination of Maximum Rate, states:

"The maximum rate at which a temporary lodging allowance may be granted to an employee shall be determined by the classification (Sec. 061 and Sec. 920) of the post (Sec. 040h) his family status (Sec. 040m), and the daily rates prescribed in Section 931."

Paragraph 125.2, Determination of Individual Allowance Rate, states:

"The actual rate at which a temporary lodging allowance may be granted to an employee shall be the amount of his daily expenses for the temporary lodging for him or his family, or both, or the

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amount of the maximum rate determined in accordance with section 125.1, whichever is less. In addition to the daily cost of the room, or rooms, and heat, light, fuel, and water, there may be included the cost of mandatory service fees and taxes imposed by the management or local government. The cost of food, tips, beverages, or personally ordered services may not be included. Where meals and lodging are furnished at a single combined rate, the cost of lodging, including any mandatory service fees and taxes, shall not be considered to be more than 60 percent of the total cost."

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